

Hoton's War Heroes

This month will see many events commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War. Two men from Hoton lost their lives: the first was Albert Eggleston, who died from pneumonia only a month after having enlisted and was training with the 3rd Battalion of the Leicestershire Regiment in the Humber before his death. He was from a farming family who lived on Loughborough Road in Hoton and was buried in St. Leonard's churchyard, and recently a memorial gravestone has been erected by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in the burial ground.

George Marriott, the son of Sarah Hubbard of 6 Vine Tree Terrace, was killed in action on 21 March 1918. This was the first day of 'Operation Michael' in which there were 38,500 casualties and Private Marriott was one of 8,000 men who lost their lives in France that day. He served with the Lincolnshire Regiment (2nd Battalion) and is commemorated at the Pozieres Memorial, with no known grave.

Both men were aged 24 when they died.

The roll of honour for all those who served in the Great War from Prestwold and Hoton can be found in Prestwold Church. The names of the other men who responded to their country's call in the Great War are: Joseph Abell, Arthur Abell, Harry Aldsworth, Robert Allsebrook, Maurice Allsebrook, William Ayres, Maurice Baldock, Thomas Biddles, Joseph Bonham, William Brickwood, John Brickwood, Frederick Bumstead, Joseph Callaghan, James Campion, Michael Carney, Arthur Clarke, George Eagle, James Eggleston, Arthur Felstead, John Fox, George Hall, Arthur Hallam, Robert Harrison, Albert Hayes, Charles Plummer, Ernest Smith, Thomas Smith, Andrew Taylor, Jesse Thurlby, Geo Trigg, Thomas Trigg, Harry Trigg, Frederick Williams, Arthur Woodcock.



Commonwealth War Grave in Hoton Burial Ground